

Senate File 576 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 576
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1228)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the protection of certain patient
2 information and data under the purview of the department of
3 public health.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 DIVISION I

2 DATA COLLECTION — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

3 Section 1. Section 135.166, subsection 2, Code 2019, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 2. Unless otherwise authorized or required by state or
6 federal law, data collected under this section shall not
7 include the social security number or name of the individual
8 subject of the data.

9 DIVISION II

10 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES — PATIENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 147A.4A Patient medical information
12 — limitations.

13 1. Unless otherwise authorized or required by state or
14 federal law, or unless required for billing purposes, data
15 collected under this subchapter, including patient care
16 reports, that contain a patient's medical information, shall
17 not include the social security number or name of the patient
18 who is the subject of the data.

19 2. For the purposes of this section:

20 a. "*Patient care report*" means a computerized or written
21 report that documents the assessment and management of a
22 patient by an emergency care provider in an out-of-hospital
23 setting.

24 b. "*Patient's medical information*" means any information in
25 an emergency medical services ambulance or transport document
26 or report, including a patient care report, that identifies a
27 patient who is the subject of the information or with respect
28 to which there is a reasonable basis to believe that the
29 information could be used to identify the patient.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill relates to the protection of certain patient
34 health data and information under the purview of the department
35 of public health (DPH).

1 HOSPITAL DATA. Division I of the bill provides that, with
2 regard to certain inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory data
3 collected from hospitals, unless otherwise authorized or
4 required by state or federal law, in addition to the social
5 security number, the name of the individual subject of the data
6 shall not be included in data collected from hospitals by DPH.

7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. Division II of the bill
8 provides that, unless otherwise authorized or required by state
9 or federal law, or unless required for billing purposes, data
10 collected under Code chapter 147A, subchapter I (emergency
11 medical care), including patient care reports, that contain a
12 patient's medical information, shall not include the social
13 security number or name of the patient who is the subject of
14 the data.

15 The division defines "patient care report" as a computerized
16 or written report that documents the assessment and
17 management of a patient by an emergency care provider in an
18 out-of-hospital setting; and "patient's medical information" as
19 any information in an emergency medical services ambulance or
20 transport document or report, including a patient care report,
21 that identifies a patient who is the subject of the information
22 or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe
23 that the information could be used to identify the patient.